GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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VEHICLES ON ROADS
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of vehicles plying at present on the National Highways in the country;

(b) the number out of them which are highspeed four wheelers;

(c) whether most of the road accidents are caused by these highspeed four wheelers;

(d) if so, the percentage out of the total number of accidents caused by these vehicles annually;

(e) whether the Government have paid special attention to check the rising number of road accidents; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): As per available data, the total number of motor vehicles registered in the country has been estimated at 3.72 crore for the year 1997. The annual average number of road accidents in the country is approximately three lakh per year, out of which as per information available, the total number of accidents on National Highways is 81806 during 1997 and 84858 during 1998. No data pertaining to the number of vehicles or highspeed four wheeler vehicles plying on National Highways only is available.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. The steps taken are:

i) Widening of 2- lane sections to 4- lane sections
ii) Single lane to two lanes
iii) Providing raised shoulders
iv) Strengthening weak pavements
v) Reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts
vi) Replacement of level crossing by road over-bridges
vii) Provision of retro-reflective road signs
viii) Thermoplastic road markings
ix) Lay byes and
x) Wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors, etc.